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FLAMES DUMPED IN SHOOTOUT

Ryan McDonagh of the New York Rangers knocks down Mike Cammalleri as he protects the goal in a 5-on-3 Calgary power play during the second period of Sunday's game in New York. The Flames managed to come away from the Big Apple with one point, losing 4-3 in a shootout. See story, page 33.

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Cab apps miss the mark in Metro trial

Tech troubles. FastCab creator says city rules stacked in favour of brokers

Using your smartphone to hail a cab may be the way of future, but the three apps presently available in Calgary didn't fare too well in a weekend trial.

To get to and from the Metro Christmas party on Saturday night, three reporters each tried to use one of the apps recently launched by taxi brokers Associated Cabs and Checker Yellow Cabs, as well the third-party app FastCab.

What ensued were hours of frustration with frozen loading screens, messages prompting the users to call into general dispatch, and requests for rides receiving no response. The only successful ride to the party saw Associated Cab pick up one reporter from Altadore and take him to Craft Beer Market, after 45 minutes of e-hailing.

No Checker drivers could be bothered to scurry down to Woodbine between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to pick up another reporter, while a third trying to get a taxi to Windsor Park had no response

from FastCab during that same time. Both arranged alternate transportation.

When it came time to leave, one Checker driver offered a pickup at 9:45 p.m., just two minutes after service was requested. Come 11 p.m., however, neither the Checker nor Associated apps appeared to be working properly.

The Checker app sat frozen on a screen with the words "searching for driver," while the Associated app kept loading a message screen claiming the "booking failed" and urging the user to call dispatch instead. Jeff Garland, Associated's general manager, said his organization has received great feedback from customers but added the smartphone offering doesn't allow customers to jump the line of other hopeful riders calling into the dispatch the old-fashioned way.

He also noted that Saturday was likely one of the busiest holiday party nights of the year.

"The problem is it's no different than any other situation," Garland said. "When demand outweighs supply, there's going to be a delay and there's going to be problems."

FastCab, meanwhile, again offered no response, despite a \$50 "incentive" being offered.

Jeff Doecker, the app's creator, told Metro on Sunday that was likely because the version the reporter was using was out of date and had just three or fewer drivers signed on to it Saturday night. The old version offered no message prompting the user to update, however.

Doecker said the newer version of FastCab has some 200 cabbies from numerous companies signed on and has been growing in popularity, but has suffered under pressure being put on it by brokers, who have threatened to fire drivers caught using it.

That warning came after representatives with Associated, Checker and Mayfair Taxi launched a \$1-million lawsuit against FastCab in January, claiming it was operating without a proper licence and posed a safety risk to customers.

Doecker had planned at one point to launch his own fleet of cabs, but said it's likely he will abandon that idea, as he now has his eyes on other cities where the rules don't make it so difficult for new entrants into the taxi market.

"I'm getting tired of the Calgary market," he said.

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Growing out

New Catholic school destined for Aspen Woods

Alberta's education minister will announce plans for a new Catholic elementary school in Calgary's fast-growing west end at a news conference Monday morning, Metro has learned.

The school, to be located in Aspen Woods, will be home to 750 students from kindergarten to Grade 6, sources said.

It will come alongside a new Catholic school also to be announced Monday in Edmonton's Windermere neighbourhood and two schools already approved in Fort McMurray on Friday.

Calgary Catholic School District officials were not available for comment but would be in attendance Monday, a spokesperson confirmed.

The organization's Chief Supt. Gary Strother said in an interview last month that the schools he oversees are now essentially full for the first time in the district's 128-year history.

"If your schools are full, then kids will be leaving the community, and that's always the biggest challenge," he told Metro at the time.

The Aspen Woods school sits atop the Catholic board's current school wish list and comes at an estimated cost of \$14 million. It's followed by a \$52-million high school the district hopes to build south of Highway 22X and a modernization of St. Cyril School at a cost of \$4.3 million.

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Mayor Naheed Nenshi expects the issue of expanding the areas of the city in which secondary suites can be built will come back to council in the new year. METRO FILE

City shouldn't need a plebiscite: Nenshi

Secondary suites.
City staff due to bring another report before council in new year



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Mayor Naheed Nenshi says council remains out-of-step with the public on making secondary suites legal across the city, and while he's not opposed to putting the matter to a plebiscite, it wouldn't be his first choice.

"That's an awfully expensive way to convince councillors to do the right thing," Nenshi told Metro in an interview over the weekend. "I think a better way to do it is for citizens to make their voices heard."

The mayor has long supported the broad legalization of secondary suites but doesn't think that will happen with the current makeup of council.

"We know that every single poll says between 70 and 80 per cent of Calgarians share my point of view on this," he said.

Coun. Peter Demong, how-

Speak up

"If you just look at the election-campaign conversations of those who talked about secondary suites, I probably don't have the votes."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi

ever, takes issue with that.

"I am not 100 per cent confident in the surveys," he said. "It always depends on how you word a survey, as to what the response you're going to get is."

Demong noted Calgarians have different ideas on exactly what "legalization" of secondary suites means, and said

it's not at all clear if most indeed share Nenshi's position.

The representative for Ward 14 suggested last summer that a plebiscite be included in October's municipal election, but council did not support that at the time.

"If we do a plebiscite at the time of an election, it's a very nominal cost," Demong said.

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U of C enrolment hike unlikely

Education. Extra provincial funding will probably go to current students, says provost

University of Calgary officials will hunker down this week to determine how best to use an additional \$10.6 million from the province, but the school provost said it's unlikely the floodgates will be thrown open to new students.

The money came to the institution in early November as part of \$50 million spread out across schools hit by a nine per cent reduction in once-promised funding in the March budget.

At the time, former advanced education minister Thomas Lukaszuk said the funds were to be used only to alleviate issues related to "over-enrolment" or to increase enrolment.

U of C provost Dru Marshall has said in the past her school's

Other schools

- Mount Royal University has already said it will boost enrolment as early as the winter semester with an additional \$2.1 million in funding it received in November.
- Bow Valley College has already boosted enrolment five per cent in the past year.
- SAIT has not released any details on how it will use an additional \$3.4 million despite repeated inquiries from Metro.
- The U of C board of governors voted Friday to raise tuition one per cent for the 2014-15 school year.

faculty of arts is one area where there are too many students attending classes considering the

amount of funding available.

On Friday, she noted the funding boost would likely be used to improve conditions for current students, not admit new ones.

"When you cut \$32 million out of the budget, basically there are pressures all over campus," she said, referring to the financial hit in the March budget. "What we have to do is think very carefully about how to make best use of \$10.6 million."

Like other schools, the U of C has submitted proposals to the province on possible areas of "new enrolment" and it's expected some of those could be shown the green light with new funding in the 2014 budget, Marshall said.

The U of C is currently turning away more students than any time in recent memory. In 2012-13, just one of every 2.38 students who applied to the school were granted entrance, a jump from one in 2.04 in 2007-08.

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University of Calgary provost Dru Marshall is seen earlier this year at a school budget town hall. Marshall expects \$10.6 million in additional funding to be spent on current students. METRO FILE

Report offers few answers for crash victim's wife



Crews on the scene of an April crash on Deerfoot Trail that claimed the life of Calgary truck driver Andre Lalonde, inset. It's now believed the cause of the incident will never be known. METRO FILE

Federal health and safety investigators have released their findings in an April truck crash that left one man dead and forced the shutdown of Deerfoot Trail for hours, but have offered little to suggest what caused the collision.

"I'm never going to get my closure," said Melissa Lalonde, wife of 39-year-old victim and father of two Andre Lalonde.

She provided a copy of the report on the crash, written by federal health-and-safety officer Kelly Parkin, to Metro.

According to the findings, Andre was operating a push

Fatalities

Alberta Transportation said 37 people were killed and 599 injured in collisions involving truck tractors in 2012. Those numbers were down from 2011.

truck in a convoy responsible for moving a 100-tonne crane to Jasper in the early hours of April 3. According to the report, the haul trailer carrying the load made contact with a highway concrete barrier, causing it

and the push truck Andre was operating to tip over.

It's believed he was killed on impact.

But the report found little evidence of what caused the collision in the first place, and Melissa was quick to point out her husband had four years of experience and he'd never had an incident.

She's now calling for the practice of push trucking to be banned. Such a setup allows crews to move heavier loads at faster speeds by relying on the force of the truck behind the load, but it also requires intri-

cate setups and a great deal of skill from drivers.

"It's just too dangerous," Melissa said. "There's too much that can happen."

The report indicates investigators were confident in the safety practices and procedures used by the company, Whissell Contracting Calgary Ltd., which Andre was working for at the time.


Company president Jared Whissell said it's difficult to implement preventative measures without knowing a definitive cause for the crash.

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Country star saddened by pilot friend's death

Canadian country music star George Canyon says he's devastated to learn that his friend and fellow pilot crashed into a house and died shortly after flying him to a show in northeastern Alberta.

Canyon's publicist, Anya Wilson, says the singer was

dropped off with his tour manager in Lloydminster on Saturday for a performance of The Huron Carole in the city that evening.

The pilot then took off for High River, south of Calgary, but the Cessna 210 slammed into the ground shortly after takeoff and slid into a house.

A person who was in the house wasn't hurt, but the pilot was killed.

Wilson says Canyon learned of the tragedy at about dinner time, not long before the show.

"I have just lost a dear friend who was not just an aviation buddy, we shared an

interest in sports and often played hockey together," Canyon, who lives in High River, said in a statement released Sunday.

"He and I have flown many times all over the place. I am devastated with the news and my prayers and thoughts are all with his

family and friends."

RCMP have not released the pilot's name but say his family have been notified.

Wilson said the performance in Lloydminster went ahead on Saturday.

"It would have been very tough," she said.

She said he wasn't talking

much on Sunday.

The Huron Carole is a concert series that supports organizations that work with the homeless and hungry in Canada.

Canyon will be performing The Huron Carole again in Calgary on Tuesday.

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Group good with pricey contracts

Salary and severance.

Annual payments of nearly \$300K reflect the marketplace, says head of group

Challenges with finding qualified candidates to lead Alberta school boards and the onerous demands of the superintendent job itself are among the factors dictating salaries that outpace those paid to similar professionals in other provinces, says the head of a professional group.

Barry Litun, executive director of The College of Alberta School Superintendents, said the roles of top school administrators also differ in other provinces and total compensation reported by organizations can include perks other than those included in a monthly paycheck.

Metro reported last week that superintendents with three of Alberta's four major metro boards were netting more in annual pay and benefits than their peers with the three lar-



CBE chief superintendent Naomi Johnson
METRO FILE

gest school boards in the country, all of which are in Ontario.

It was also revealed in an obtained copy of the contract for Calgary Board of Education Chief Supt. Naomi Johnson that she will be entitled to another full year's pay, despite plans to resign from the organization in April, nearly three months before her contract expires. Johnson's pay-out after leaving the CBE will be at least \$288,000.

But Litun, whose organization represents 74 superintendents from the public, Catholic, Francophone and charter school systems, said there has to be incentive for people to take on the daunting tasks of a superintendent, and finding appropriate candidates is proving to be a challenge in Alberta.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Give a round of applause for the Claus

An enormous cheer erupted from the thousands of children at the Stampede Corral Sunday afternoon, as retired Calgary firefighter Garth Rabel introduced the man of the hour, Santa Claus himself, during the 46th annual Calgary Firefighters Toy Association Christmas Party. More than 3,000 kids were treated to lunch, live entertainment, and gifts delivered by Santa (with a little help from firefighter volunteers) as part of the celebrations, which are aimed at helping "families in need and deserving of a special holiday celebration." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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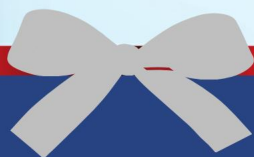
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Kevan Yeats spends some one-on-one time with his cat, Momo, in Okotoks. Yeats helped rescue Momo after his truck fell into a sinkhole during June's floods. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Momo the cat is kickin' back

Nine lives. Cat that swam to safety in flood is back to his normal kitty life

Quoted

"The next day he was fine and jumped in the shower — same old cat."

Kevan Yeats, on his cat, Momo, who swam to safety during the flood

Momo the cat has been living a quiet life since gaining global celebrity status when he leapt from a submerged pickup truck and swam for his life in floodwaters that hit southern Alberta last June.

Momo and his human, Kevan Yeats, were in Yeats's truck on a partially submerged street in High River when disaster struck. Yeats had been at work when the flooding started and he went back to his apartment to pick up Momo.

The truck hit a deep spot on the road and was quickly swamped by water washing through the community from the Highwood River.

Yeats smashed out the back window of the cab and hopped into the truck bed with the then-eight-month-old cat in his arms.

Momo jumped from Yeats's arms into the water and started paw-paddling to safety, his tiny wet head poking just above the surface.

The moment was captured by a photographer with The Canadian Press and the images garnered international media attention as a symbol of hope amidst the devastating flooding.

"I swam behind Momo and wherever Momo went

thought Momo, who tips the scales at a hefty 7 1/2 kilograms, was a female and it was reported as such at the time. They've since found out Momo is male.

Yeats still can't believe the feline took the initiative and jumped into the raging water.

Reflecting back, he thinks Momo may have actually saved his life since he probably would have stayed with his truck.

"I wouldn't have got out. I wouldn't have bailed."

Yeats said the attention he received at the time has faded.

And some people have questioned the sanity of going back to High River to save his cat.

"Lots of positive and a couple of negative reactions: 'For a cat? Really?' But it's a member of the family, so what can you do?"

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Kevan Yeats swims after his cat, Momo, to safety in High River on June 20.

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About 200,000 pro-EU activists gather in Independence Square around posters of jailed Ukrainian former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko, in Kyiv, Sunday. SERGEI GRITS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukrainian activists press EU demands

Four weeks strong. Protests have grown in size, intensity after two violent police dispersals

About 200,000 anti-government protesters converged on the central square of Ukraine's capital Sunday in a dramatic show of morale after nearly four weeks of daily protests, but the rally was shadowed by suggestions that their goal of closer ties with Europe may be imperiled.

A much smaller demonstration of government supporters, about 15,000, was taking place

about a kilometre away from Kyiv's Independence Square. Anti-government protesters have set up an extensive tent camp there and erected barricades of snow hardened with freezing water and studded with scrap wood and junk.

U.S. senators John McCain and Chris Murphy joined the anti-government demonstration to express support for them and their European ambitions, threatening sanctions against the government of President Viktor Yanukovich if authorities use more violence to disperse the protests.

The protests began Nov. 21 after Yanukovich announced he was backing away from sign-

ing a long-awaited agreement to deepen trade and political ties with the EU and instead focus on Russia.

In the face of the protests, Ukrainian officials this week renewed talks with the EU and promised that they would sign the deal once some issues are worked out. However, EU official Stefan Fuele cast doubt on the prospect Sunday, saying on his Twitter account that work is "on hold."

Yanukovich backed off the agreement on the grounds that the EU was not providing adequate compensation to his economically struggling nation for potential trades losses with Russia. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sweden

28 detained after neo-Nazi attack on demonstration

Swedish police detained 28 people Sunday after a group of neo-Nazis attacked an anti-Nazism demonstration in a Stockholm suburb by hurling bottles, torches and firecrackers.

Two people were hospitalized and a police officer was injured in the back after being hit by a heavy object, police spokesman Sven-Erik Olsson said. Olsson said around 200 people participated in the rally when they were attacked by a group of about 40. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

India. Activists protest criminalizing of gay sex

Hundreds of gay-rights activists gathered in India's capital and other cities across the country on Sunday to protest a decision by India's top court to uphold a law that criminalizes gay sex.

India's Supreme Court last week reversed a landmark 2009 lower court order that had decriminalized gay sex. The country's gay community is demanding the government take immediate action to remove the colonial-era law.

About 800 protesters in New Delhi wore black arm bands and waved rainbow-coloured flags and banners. Some people wore masks and wigs to protect their identity.

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An activist protests a verdict that upheld the criminalization of homosexuality. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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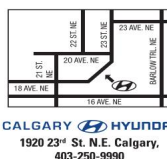
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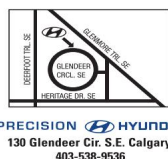
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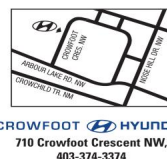
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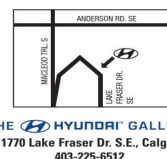
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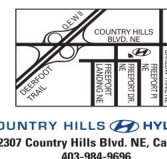
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*Tribal rituals
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Nelson Mandela's casket was draped in a lion skin, an ox was ritually slaughtered and a family elder kept talking to the body's spirit: The state funeral for Nelson Mandela on Sunday included these rituals from the tradition of the Xhosa tribe, to whom Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

Mandela's coffin was wrapped in the South African flag, standing atop animal skins during the funeral in Mandela's southeastern childhood village of Qunu. The ceremony was an eclectic mix of traditional rituals, Christian elements and the military honours of a state funeral.

His body was buried around noon, "when the sun is at its highest and the shadow at its shortest," Cyril Ramaphosa, deputy leader of the African National Congress, said during the ceremony.

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Nelson Mandela laid to rest

Solemnity and joy.

Several thousand gather to take part in ceremonies for beloved former president and anti-apartheid hero

Nelson Mandela was buried in his home village on Sunday after a funeral that mixed ancient tribal rituals with a display of the might of the new, integrated South Africa.

Military officers rolled Mandela's flag-draped coffin to the family burial plot in the village of Qunu as formations of planes and military helicopters flew over the hills where thousands of mourners had gathered.

Unlike the public memorial on Tuesday at a stadium that was rife with



Mandela's widow, Graca Machel, wipes her eyes during the service.
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problems, the funeral and burial went smoothly. The ceremonies mixed solemnity with joy at Mandela's accomplishments, lasted all morning and into the afternoon and were fit for Afri-

can royalty.

Several thousand gathered in a huge white tent at the Mandela family compound for the state funeral that preceded a private service at the gravesite. Songs, speeches and the boom of artillery rang across the fields.

Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail as a prisoner of the racist white government and emerged to lead a transition to a multiracial democracy, died on Dec. 5 at the age of 95 after a long illness.

His portrait looked over the assembly in the tent from behind a bank of 95 candles representing each year of his remarkable life. His casket, transported to the tent on a gun carriage, rested on a carpet of cow skins below a lectern where speakers delivered eulogies.

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A Zulu warrior plays a bugle as people gather during the funeral service of Nelson Mandela in Kunene; Stedman Graham, Oprah Winfrey and Sir Richard Branson; a girl at Orlando Stadium;

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Nelson Mandela's casket is taken out of the makeshift dome where his funeral service was held in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. ODD ANDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'A great tree has fallen'

In contrast to the military pomp, some speakers evoked the traditions of the Xhosa tribe, to which Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

- "A great tree has fallen, he is now going home to rest with his forefathers," said Chief Ngangomhlaba Matanzima, a representa-

tive of Mandela's family.

- Another speaker, Zolani Mkiva, served for many years as Mandela's praise singer, a traditional role. "The bones of our ancestors are vibrating. The waves of African oceans are reverberating," he said.



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East Coasters in the slush: Snow followed by rain makes a mess

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Nova Scotia sees pre-Christmas snow for first time in 3 years



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Metro in Halifax

The combination of snow and rain on Sunday had many people on the East Coast shovelling their driveways so they wouldn't be stuck Monday morning.

Karen Ramsland of Halifax cleared her driveway around 1 p.m. so the snow wouldn't be too heavy to lift once the rain started.

"I'm loving it. I'm actually one of those people that likes the snow," Ramsland said.

Environment Canada meteorologist Jean-Marc Couturier said the Halifax region got about 15 centimetres of snow by mid-afternoon, then ice

Stormy weather

The same storm system dumped 15 to 25 centimetres of snow in parts of southern Ontario on Saturday.

- Dozens of flights through Toronto Pearson International Airport were delayed or cancelled over the weekend.
- The storm then made its way to southern Quebec late Saturday and into Sunday, dumping up to 30 centimetres of snow in some areas.

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Near-blizzard conditions didn't stop Julie Wiseman, left, Anna Marie Kaiser and Tabitha Bainbridge from getting in a 10-kilometre run along the St. Margaret's Bay Trail Sunday morning in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

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Ticketing scheme could save police cash



A demonstrator smokes a joint on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on April 20, 2010. Police would have the option of ticketing people for some minor offences under a new plan. PAWEŁ DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Proposal. Officers could ticket people for offences such as trespassing, nudity

Police would have the option of ticketing people for a range of minor offences — instead of laying criminal charges — under a plan that

could yield significant savings for the cash-strapped justice system.

Timothy Smith, a spokesman for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, says the idea has emerged from discussions fostered by the federal government on curbing rising policing costs.

Under the proposal, officers would have the option of ticketing people for

offences such as causing a disturbance, public nudity, falsifying an employment record, soliciting prostitution, vagrancy or trespassing.

It builds on a resolution the Chiefs of Police passed last August that would give forces the discretion to issue a ticket under the Contraventions Act for possession of a small amount of cannabis.

Last January, the federal Public Safety minister hosted a summit on the economics of policing that included officers and chiefs from across the country, government officials and academics. Officials say the cost of policing is steadily rising — hitting more than \$12 billion in 2010 — even though the crime rate is falling.

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WikiLeaks documents. 13 federal departments had contracts with U.S. firm

At least 13 Canadian government agencies have had subscriptions with U.S. private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, Inc. or Stratfor, sometimes dubbed a shadow CIA, newly released WikiLeaks emails indicate.

Stratfor came under fire recently after a leaked company document prepared for an oil company outlined ways to counter activist groups, such as Greenpeace, who oppose Canada's oil sands development.

The same cache of leaked emails indicates Canadian federal agencies have purchased at least half a million

dollars in Stratfor services.

Emails from January 2009 and February 2011 show invoices of \$13,125 and \$13,725 for one-year Stratfor subscriptions for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, which were not publicly disclosed by the department.

Under proactive disclosure policy, Canadian government contracts worth more than \$10,000 must be posted on the web.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Jean-Bruno Villeneuve says there was a clerical error in not reporting the contracts.

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The home page of the Stratfor website is seen on a computer monitor in January 2012. CASSANDRA VINOGRAD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Venezuela

Bomb threat grounds Air France flight

A Paris-bound flight was rescheduled for Sunday after Venezuela grounded an Air France plane that French intelligence authorities said terrorists might have been planning to blow up. Venezuela's intelligence agency declined to comment on the threat, saying it isn't authorized to discuss the case.

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Florida

Teen charged with kidnapping

A 17-year-old faces kidnapping and carjacking charges after authorities say he stole a car with a baby inside. Daytona Beach police said their detectives spotted two stolen vehicles driving together on Friday. One had recently been stolen from a car dealership. The car stopped at a gas station where three men jumped out and took off. The baby was not injured.

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Sheriff: Colorado school gunman threatened teacher in September

Arapahoe High School.

Teen shooter may have been nursing a grudge leading up to attack

Investigators believe the gunman who entered Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo., on Friday was looking for a teacher with whom he had a dispute.

Karl Pierson, 18, may have been nursing a grudge against the teacher — a librarian and head of the school debate team — since September. Pierson was on the team and had been disciplined by the librarian for reasons yet to be disclosed, County Sheriff Grayson Robinson said. He said Pierson had threatened the teacher in September.

Pierson fired six shots from a pump-action shotgun between the moment he



Sean Sweeney, a runner who lives near Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo., pauses to say a prayer for the victims and the gunman of a shooting at the school during his early morning run on Saturday. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

walked into Arapahoe High School and the moment he killed himself in a library as a school security officer closed in on him, Robinson said.

Arapahoe senior Claire Davis, 17, who was sitting with a friend when Pierson entered the library, was shot

in the head. She remained hospitalized in critical condition Sunday.

Robinson has said investigators think Davis was shot at random by Pierson.

Pierson legally bought a shotgun on Dec. 6 at a local store, and he purchased ammunition the morning

of the shootings. Anyone 18 and older is allowed to buy a shotgun in Colorado; only those over 21 can legally buy a handgun.

Pierson arrived at the school toting the shotgun and wearing the ammunition on his body. In a backpack he carried three Molo-

tov cocktails.

Pierson managed to ignite one Molotov cocktail inside the school library before he killed himself as a fast-acting school security officer, a deputy sheriff, closed in, Robinson said.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper noted Sunday that Pierson was not a loner but cautioned that the investigation was in its early stages. "He didn't seem to have a mental illness," the governor said. "He had a lot of friends, he was outspoken. But again, there's no rhyme or reason. We can't — there's nothing that says, 'Ah, now I understand.'"

Pierson's attack lasted just 80 seconds but reopened scars in a community traumatized by mass shootings in nearby Denver suburbs — at Columbine High School in 1999 and an Aurora movie complex in 2012. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Post-Columbine

Security procedures hailed by Gov.

Colorado's governor credited security procedures adopted after the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School for helping to put a quick end to Friday's shooting attack.

Gov. John Hickenlooper said that there are "strategies and protocols in place, where we had a deputy sheriff in the building who immediately ran towards the trouble."

Arapahoe High officials also instituted a lockdown, with teachers and students hiding in closets and locking doors. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Gaza gets fuel as it struggles to recover from wintry storm

Floods. Lack of fuel has hampered rescue efforts in Gaza where about 40,000 residents fled flooded homes

The Gaza Strip received its first shipment of industrial fuel in 45 days on Sunday, bringing much-needed relief to the coastal territory after a winter storm dumped rare snow across the region.

The storm, which began late Wednesday and saw temperatures dip below freezing, crippled the city of Jerusalem and leaving thousands without power in Israel and the neighbouring West Bank.

Gaza, located on the Mediterranean coast, experienced its first snowfall in some 20



Palestinians come to the aid of a stranded motorist in the West Bank city of Nablus on Sunday.
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years, but most of the damage was caused by flooding.

The storm let up Sunday, but authorities in the region still struggled to clear roads and repair downed power lines.

Gaza has suffered from chronic fuel shortages since the Hamas militant group seized power in 2007, prompting Israel and Egypt to impose a blockade on the

territory. But the situation has worsened since a coup in neighbouring Egypt last July. The country's new military rulers have tightened the blockade and destroyed a network of smuggling tunnels that were used to ship cheap fuel into the territory.

Palestinian border official Raed Fattouh said Sunday's Israeli fuel shipment was paid for by Qatar, an oil rich Gulf country that has aided Hamas in the past. Officials said Gazans would now have 12 hours of electricity a day, up from the recent level of six hours.

The storm has come at a difficult time for Gaza. Recurring power outages have led to the suspension of many health care programs and services, including waste water treatment.

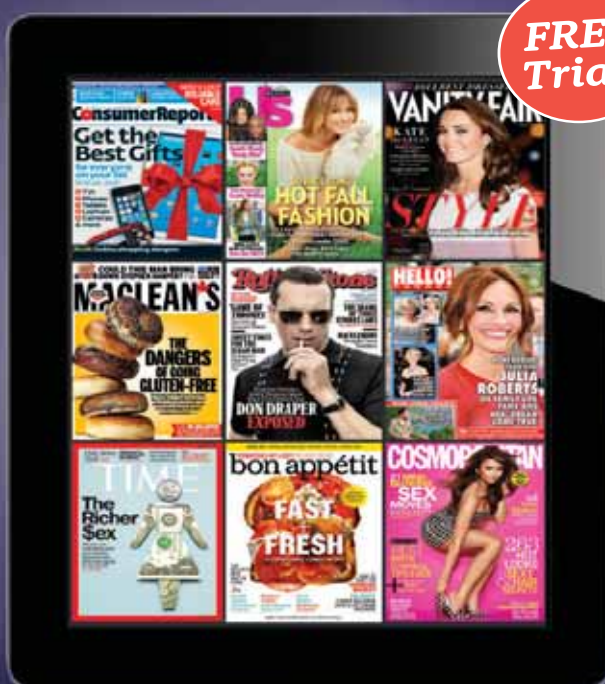
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Central African militia seeks regime change

Anti-balaka Christian militiamen walk through a forest clearing outside Central African Republic's capital Bangui on Sunday. The leader of the Christian militia says his fighters won't stop their rebellion until President Michel Djotodia is gone from power, raising the spectre of a prolonged sectarian conflict in the country. More than 600 people have been killed since the anti-balaka movement launched a strike over Bangui last week before being pushed back. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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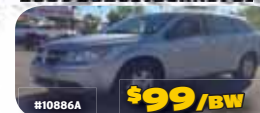
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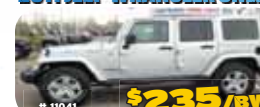
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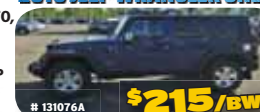
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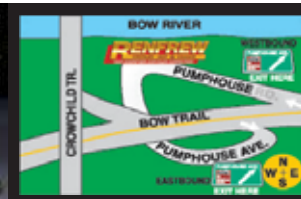
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Indiana. Newlywed killed on wedding night while helping stranded motorist

A man married less than seven hours was killed along with a stranded motorist he stopped to help in the snow when they were struck by several vehicles, authorities say.

The man was on the way back from his wedding reception to a hotel when the accident happened.

William "Riley" Knight, 49, of Crown Point, was driving with his wife, Nikki, at about 11:45 p.m. Saturday when they saw a woman who had slid off the road in the snow.

"He said, 'We've got to stop, it's late and they need help,'" Nikki Knight told the Chicago

Sun-Times on Sunday.

He pulled his truck into a nearby driveway and Nikki Knight waited inside while he went out to help Linda Darlington, 42, of Crown Point. They were standing by the side of the road when they were struck by one vehicle, and then two more, the Lake County sheriff's office said.

They were pronounced dead at the scene early Sunday.

Police said all drivers involved in the crash remained at the scene. No charges had been filed as of Sunday afternoon. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ontario

6-year-old boy dies after being struck by piece of steel

Paramedics say a six-year-old boy is dead after a piece of steel fell on him in

Hamilton.

The incident occurred in one of the city's industrial areas.

The boy suffered severe head trauma and a broken leg. He was rushed to hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

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This booking photo shows Robert Dellinger, 53, who is charged with manslaughter in the deaths of a Vermont couple. LEBANON POLICE DEPARTMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Highway crash kills young couple

New Hampshire.
 Former Fortune 500 exec charged with reckless manslaughter in death of couple expecting their first child

Prison time
15-30

Robert Dellinger was charged with reckless manslaughter, a crime that carries 15-30 years in prison if convicted.

A former Fortune 500 executive told police he was depressed and aiming to kill himself when he drove his full-size pick-up truck across a grassy highway median, went airborne and crushed to death a young Vermont couple expecting their first child in January.

Robert Dellinger survived the suicide attempt with cuts on his head and face. He was charged with reckless manslaughter, a crime that carries 15-30

years in prison if convicted.

What was going on in the mind of 53-year-old Dellinger and whether he showed extreme indifference to human life could get him a more serious charge of second-degree murder that carries up to life in prison.

Jason Timmons and Amanda Murphy suffered injuries a medical examiner said were consistent with a plane crash. The fetus did not survive.

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Hundreds of Santas go drinking; hopefully no kids see 'em

People dressed as Santa Claus converge on a pub during a SantaCon event in Vancouver on Saturday. Hundreds of people dressed as Santa took part in the annual event to show Christmas spirit and have fun. SantaCon is held in more than 300 locations in 44 countries, according to organizers.

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Not saving the whales. U.S. navy's sonar may hurt marine mammals

The U.S. navy plans to increase sonar testing over the next five years, even as research it funded reveals worrying signs that the loud underwater noise could disturb whales and dolphins.

Reported mass strandings of certain whale species have increased worldwide since the military started using sonar half a century ago. Scientists think the sounds scare animals into shallow waters where they can become disoriented and wash ashore, but technology capable of close monitoring has emerged only in about the last decade.

Aside from strandings, biologists are concerned marine mammals could suffer prolonged stress from changes in diving, feeding and communication.

Two recent studies off the Southern California coast found certain endangered blue whales and beaked whales stopped feeding and fled from re-

Is sonar harmful?

Both studies were done by a team of independent scientists to understand how sonar affects marine mammals.

- Environmentalists have long claimed that sonar harms marine mammals, which use acoustics to mate and forage.
- Navy officials say it's vital to national security that sailors receive sonar training in real-life conditions.

cordings of sounds similar to military sonar.

"This is a warning flag and deserves more research," said Stanford University biologist Jeremy Goldbogen, who led the blue whale study published this summer in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

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Mr. Roboto, to do the jobs that humans currently do?

Robots built in labs are heading to Florida this week for a government-sponsored competition on doing human-like tasks. The CMU Highly Intelligent Mobile Platform robot, a.k.a. CHIMP, practises by switching the hold of a fire hose from one grasping unit to another. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada Goose spreads wings, migrates overseas

Status symbol. The Toronto-based parka company is flying high, and aims to soar to new heights worldwide

The head of Canada Goose is setting his sights on India and other parts of Asia as he looks beyond cold weather for future growth in the jacket business.

Dani Reiss concedes that stocking shelves in warm climates might seem usual, but he says it makes sense for the company's high-end outerwear, which has become a fashion statement as well as a way to stay warm.

"Cold is relative. Tokyo is our best market in Asia and it never goes below zero," the chief executive said in an interview at the company's headquarters in midtown Toronto. "Just like someone in Toron-



Dani Reiss, president and CEO of Canada Goose Inc., in his office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

to buys a Range Rover, someone in Tokyo buys a Canada Goose jacket."

Canada Goose is at a turning point.

Take a glimpse of any city street this time of year and you'll likely see Canadians wrapped in the jackets em-

blazoned with the company's trademark badge on the sleeve and a fur-trimmed hood. Reiss wants to boost the company's reputation beyond Canada where it sometimes seems like the jackets couldn't get any more popular.

Last week, Canada Goose

Costly coats

\$1,200

Each jacket costs between \$500 and \$1,200, depending on the style, and while that qualifies as a prestige product, its popularity transcends other pricey brands.

struck a deal with Bain Capital that gives the U.S. private investment firm a majority stake in the brand and promises the kind of financial support that will help it push into new markets. Reiss will maintain what he calls a "significant minority position."

"They'll consider expanding the brand beyond just coats," said David Detomasi, assistant professor of international business at Queen's University.

Think Canada Goose watches, sports equipment or even down duvets that are marketed as the warmest bedding in the world.

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Naughty or nice? Do your research before donating

Holiday season leave you feeling like decking one of the halls? Like ringing Santa's bell?

If you're on the verge of a mall-induced rampage, maybe it's time to try giving instead of buying.

Studies show charitable giving boosts happiness and reduces stress, says Lara Aknin, an assistant professor of psychology at Simon Fraser University.

"Giving makes you happy," says Aknin, whose many studies of the link between philanthropy and well-being included measuring cortisol in the bloodstream. That study found that when people gave more, the stress hormone dissipated more quickly in their blood. "When people are spending money in a way that they're giving to others by way of charity, we see similar emotional boosts. It's more rewarding than spending money on yourself," Aknin says.

In short, good deeds put us in a good mood, but when it comes to playing Santa for social good, make sure you know who's been naughty and who's been nice.

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Charities angling for donations, such as the Salvation Army, are ubiquitous right now. Before dropping cash in a kettle, do your homework. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top 100

MoneySense Magazine issues an annual list of the top 100 charities, based on its analysis of fundraising and spending activities.

- This year, the magazine gave top grades to the Nature Conservancy Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, the Royal Ontario Museum Foundation and the United Way, among others. The Calgary Foundation, the Edmonton Community

Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation also made the grade for their program spending, fundraising costs, governance, transparency and cash reserves.

- The Canadian Red Cross, which funds emergency relief at home and abroad, is a perennial favourite, spending 80 per cent of its funds on charitable programs and just four per cent on management and administration.

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I love beer. Be it a nice, floral West Coast-style IPA, a pint of stout or a tasty-yet-potent Belgian Tripel, I love it all.

In the past decade, the microbrewery scene has exploded. Beer drinkers' tastes have become more complex and I couldn't be happier about it. The more people like me hunting down tasty, quaffable beer, the better. Demand drives volume, and volume makes high-end product slightly more affordable to discerning tastes like myself.

I'm immensely proud of our local breweries here in Calgary. Wild Rose, Tool Shed, Village and Big Rock are all making fantastic product and continue to put out new and innovative brews month after month. All said and done, it's a pretty good time to be a beer snob in Alberta, and it's only going to get better thanks to a new ruling by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

The governing body for all things booze has decided to drop



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the minimum quota required for breweries. Prior to last week, a brewer had to produce at least 5,000 hectolitres of beer a year to stay in operation. While that's no problem for big powerhouses like Big Rock, small, niche brewers find it virtually impossible to make their craft beer in that quantity because demand doesn't keep up with the requirements.

Finally, that dilemma is a thing of the past. By dropping the minimum requirements for volume, a brewery can be operational and make as little as they want; in essence, firing up an entire industry of small operations set to crank out some very interesting and (hopefully) delicious beer.

Calgary's Tool Shed brewery will be the first to benefit. They're already skirting the minimum quota rules by having their Alberta crafted-and-created beer produced in B.C.

It means small time operators are going to be able open their

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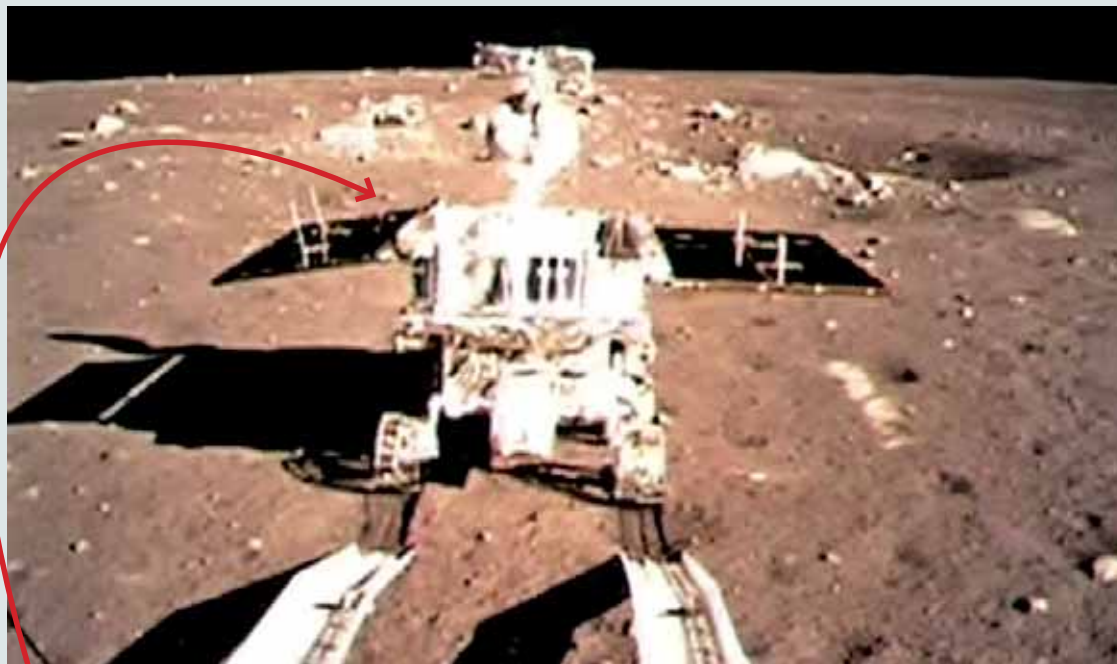
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Alberta is ripe for a craft beer explosion with a young population making a decent income and willing to pay more for a beer that's tastier and more complex than the traditional brews. We have the water, the agricultural product, the demand, and, thanks to Olds College, young brewmasters eager to ply their trade.

It's very rare that you'll find me touting any regulatory body, but this time around, the AGLC has got it right and we're all about to benefit.

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China makes its first moon landing



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Rover, lander snap pics of each other

In this image taken by the on-board camera of the lunar probe Chang'e-3 and made off the screen of the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing, China's first moon rover Jade Rabbit touches the lunar surface Sunday.

State broadcaster China

Central Television showed images taken from the lander's camera of the rover and its shadow moving down a sloping ladder and touching the surface, setting off applause in the Beijing control centre.

China has completed the world's first soft landing of a space probe on the moon in nearly four decades.

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The mission

- The six-wheeled rover will survey the moon's geological structure and surface and look for natural resources for three months, while the lander will carry out scientific explorations at the landing site for one year.
- The mission marks the

next stage in an ambitious space program that aims to eventually put a Chinese astronaut on the moon. China's space program is an enormous source of pride for the country, the third to carry out a lunar soft landing — which does not damage the craft and the equipment it carries.

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"We are looking for highly intelligent individuals. To find them, we have devised a test."

Thus began a simple message, written in white text against a black background, signed "3301" and uploaded to a 4chan message board in 2012, kicking off a cryptic Internet mystery known as Cicada 3301.

Consisting of images and encoded messages designed to challenge the most cryptically minded, the mystery that began with that simple message is a sprawling labyrinth that winds through math, poetry, ancient runes and steampunk, eventually leading those taking up the challenge to real locations across the world, where posters and QR codes are the cache.

Eventually, the ace brains who have cracked the code and overcome obstacles like message boards and forums purposefully seeded with misinformation find themselves in what's known as The Onion Router — a "dark Internet" of sites that are not indexed by search engines. The puzzles and messages become private

and those who got close to the prize are left to wonder what they were participating in.

So what is it all about? Speculation has it that the NSA, CIA or some other government agency is using the teasers to recruit new operatives.

Or perhaps it's a private endeavour looking for cryptology candidates to staff their operations.

Whoever is behind it, only a very select few have been able to learn. And they've been remarkably tight-lipped once the puzzles go private.

The first Cicada puzzle emerged on Jan. 4, 2012. A second was released to the web on the same date in 2013.

Will there be a third iteration? That's just as big a mystery.

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Can you spot the real 12 Days of Christmas verse among these mondegreens? iStock

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And a paltry tin-affair tree!

Say what? Do you really know what you're singing when it comes to Christmas carol lyrics?

Milk and spiders? Nine lazy Hansons? Sleep in heavenly peas?

It's that time of year: holiday music time. And with holiday music comes all the strange and twisted things we sometimes think we're hearing.

Mondegreens, the moniker for misheard words in song, aren't restricted to holiday standards, of course, but the old-timey language of some seems to serve as a botched-lyric magnet.

Lest you think funny turns on song lyrics are the stuff of childhoods, Missy O'Reilly knows otherwise. She's an actress, comedian and co-owner of Planet Rose, a karaoke haven on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

"I'm the biggest Christmas nerd, so I'm always encouraging people to sing Christmas music," she said. "Some people are really surprised when they see what the real words are."

Look no further than Snopes.com for handy examples submitted by readers of the website that collects and

debunks urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours and misinformation. Noting that mondegreens aren't parody, but words we actually think we're listening to, Snopes keeps a list of holiday gems.

For The Twelve Days of Christmas, there's "ten lawyers leaving" and "nine lazy Hansons." Later we've got "six geezers laying," along with "a paltry tin-affair tree." Those are in lieu of lords a-leaping, ladies dancing, geese a-laying and the obligatory partridge in a pear tree, FYI.

If ever you've made it to the fourth verse of Winter Wonderland, you'll be relieved to know it doesn't include "Later on milk and spiders, as we dream by the fire," but rather: "Later on we'll conspire ..." And that snowman you may or may not build in the meadow? You should pretend he's "Parson Brown," not "sparse and brown," or "parched and brown." Just sayin'.

There are most definitely no "peas" in Silent Night, but "heavenly peace." In Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town, the big guy in red does this: "making a list, checkin' it twice." Not this: "making a list, of chicken and rice."

Sometimes, O'Reilly said, an entire holiday song is one big what?! She was thinking of the haunting yet beautiful — to

What's in a word?

What's a mondegreen? According to Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show *A Way With Words*, the word mondegreen can be traced to Sylvia Wright and a column she wrote in *Harper's Magazine* in 1954 titled *The Death of Lady Mondegreen*. Wright discovered that for years she had botched the last line of the first stanza of

the Scottish folk ballad *The Bonnie Earl o'Moray*.

How it goes, with spellings based on updates of antiquated English: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and laid him on the green."

What she heard: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and Lady Mondegreen."

the ears of some critics — Fairytale of New York, co-written by Shane MacGowen of the Celtic punk group The Pogues.

An Irish immigrant recalling a Christmas Eve stay in a New York City drunk tank tells of an inebriated older cellmate whose rendition of a traditional ballad spins the thickly brogued narrator (MacGowen) into a raunchy imagining of a debauched life with the old ditty's female character.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful song but people are always confused by what the words are," O'Reilly said. "It's really hard to decipher the words."

Not to get all wonky, but the song isn't really a mondegreen. Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show on language *A Way with Words* defines mondegreens this way,

explaining they can happen for poetry and other spoken language as well:

"You're mishearing where one word ends and another word begins. This is called misdivision. And sometimes you're mishearing a word itself. It sounds like another word to you, and so you try to match that sound up with a word that you already know that kind of fits into the plot, if there is one. And that's called reanalysis," he said.

Don't mind him. He's a lexicographer, and he claims he has no mondegreens of his own.

"I misremember," said Barrett, in San Diego. "That's different. I always joke that I know the first 10 per cent of thousands of songs and that's it."

Babes are little mondegreen machines. Paula

Werne, who works at a holiday theme park in Santa Claus, Ind., had one in her son, John, who is now 22.

As a tot of three he took to singing Jolly Old Saint Nicholas to his stuffed animals out of a Christmas songbook, mom said. Only he turned "Christmas Eve is coming soon; now you dear old man," into "dirty old man."

Their fightin' words in Werne's town, but she and her husband let it go. "It was too cute and he was so happy that he knew all the words," Werne said. "By the next year, he'd figured it out. I still sing it that way, though."

Russell Rabut doesn't have any mondegreens, but he is one.

The 22-year-old senior at San Diego State University, majoring in — what else, English — plays rhythm guitar in a band called The Mondegreens. He took the name to his band mates, all high school friends from Chico, Calif., after a fellow student in a creative writing class mentioned it.

"I had never heard of it before. It's a very beautiful word and it's cool how it came to exist," he said. "It just seems like such an eloquent irony, that existing art can spin something poetic by accident."

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'Tis the season for anti-holiday films

There aren't many actual festive movies out this holiday season; Christmas Day instead brings a movie about old guys boxing and one where greedy mega-capitalists do drugs and bang hookers for three hours. For the non-believers or even just Grinchs among us, there's a fair amount of films that call into question the season.

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Brazil (1985)

There's a fairly immense cottage industry of films just incidentally set during the holidays. One would be Terry Gilliam's dystopian classic, where the awakening of one shy bureaucrat (Jonathan Pryce) is contrasted with the materialistic cheer of gift-giving in a futuristic England where the rich have gotten used to frequent terrorist bombings.



Die Hard (1988) Gremlins (1985)

There's also a cottage industry of action/horror/thrillers with immense Christmas trees in the background and dead people in Santa Claus costumes. Die Hard features Bruce Willis battling Alan Rickman and posse on Christmas Eve, while Gremlins unleashes homicidal pranksters around the holidays.



The Ref (1994)

Annual holiday staples rarely come better than this nasty little number, in which a profane crook (Denis Leary) kidnaps a couple (Judy Davis and Kevin Spacey) who just happen to be on the verge of a nasty divorce. Leary tries to intervene with his Bill Hick knockoff shtick, but eventually even he can't compete with his captors' near-Ingmar Bergman-esque pain, only with far more cussing.



Eyes Wide Shut (1999)

Stanley Kubrick had Jack Nicholson unraveling over a long winter break in The Shining. Why not try it with Tom Cruise? After getting high with his wife (Nicole Kidman) results in her confessing that she's lusted for others, Cruise heads out into the night for a series of adventures, leading to a tony masked orgy outside of NYC limits.



A Christmas Tale (2008)

French filmmaker Arnaud Desplechin's (Kings and Queen) contribution to the holidays is an epic of dysfunction, only with a family who've gotten used to not getting along and have reached some kind of brittle compromise. Fists fly, everyone drinks too much and there's even some sex, but that's how this family rolls.



White Reindeer (2013)

Christmas fanatic Anna Margaret Hollyman comes home to find her husband lying on the ground, his head bludgeoned by robbers. She starts questioning the suburban persona she's crafted over the years, especially once she befriends the stripper her husband used to frequent. Happy holidays!

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Depending on where their interests lie, most people probably know Steven Van Zandt as Tony Soprano's main man Silvio or Bruce Springsteen's main man and longtime guitarist for the Boss's E Street Band.

These days, however, Van Zandt has a whole new gig, playing — you guessed it — a New York mafioso hiding out in Norway on Netflix's Lilyhammer. Van Zandt produces, writes and stars in the show, which was Netflix's first original series, paving the way for the likes of House of Cards and Orange Is the New Black.

We got Van Zandt, who just might be the busiest man in show biz, on the line to talk TV, music and mobsters

How do you feel that new platforms like Netflix are changing the game for television?

Well, you have this idea of a global network. You picture five years down the road, they're going to have a lot of territories, which means it's going to be one stop shopping for content creators, which is a wonderful new concept.

And I believe they're the first of what I believe is going to be a whole new series of global, digitally distributed networks. You know, I believe there will be a Google TV, and an Apple TV. Who knows who? In the end, what's going to distinguish one network from another is the original content. So I think we'll see that in the next five years or so, they're just a little bit ahead of the game. And I think putting all the episodes up at once is a little bit ahead of everybody else, and is very much how people watch things now.

So how did you end up playing a mobster again? Is it a writing what you know sort of thing?

No, no. I had no intention of doing that. But it happens to be something I know a lot about, so it saved me a whole lot of research. But, no, this brilliant husband-and-wife found me — I was producing a Norwegian band that's on my label in Bergen, Norway — and they said 'listen, we have an idea' and in one sentence it was 'Norwegian, gangster, Lilyhammer' and I just thought a bunch of things simultaneously. One of which was, I can't possibly do this, I just played a gangster for 10 years. And soon after that I thought, this is a terrific idea.

Was it difficult, at first, playing Frank differently than you played Silvio?

No, I really do an extensive biography of the guy and what his whole thing and history and likes and dislikes are. And

it was really obvious to me that Silvio was the only guy on Sopranos who didn't want to be the boss. But this guy really is a boss, and much more outgoing and much less having to be concerned over his job.

Do you find it hard convincing people you're a nice guy, always playing mobsters? (Laughs) No, because I'm not. I'm not a particularly nice guy actually!

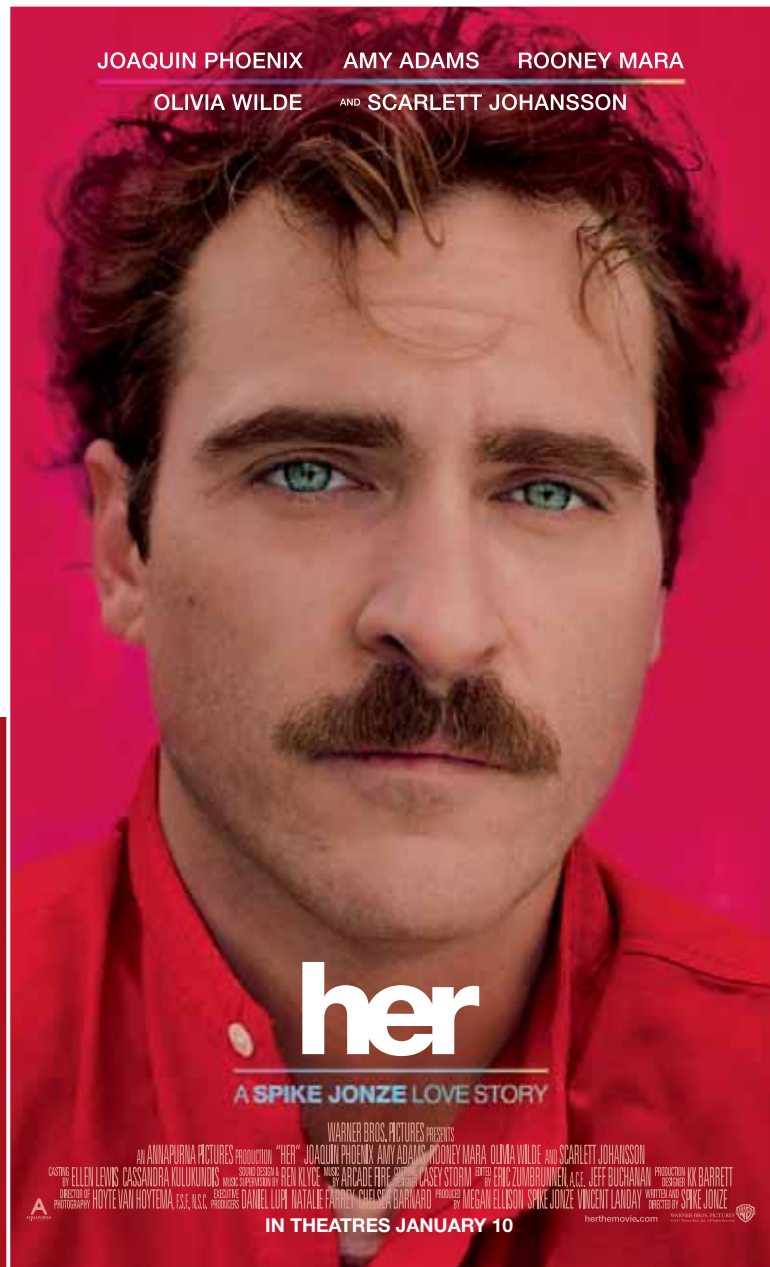
I understand you had to take time off from touring with Springsteen to film this new season, and Tom Morello (of Audioslave/Rage Against the Machine) filled in for you. Was it hard to give that up? No, no, not really. It was unfortunate, but I feel lucky that my life doesn't overlap more than it does, actually. Just that last tour alone, which was a two year tour, I did a second season of Lilyhammer and I directed a Broadway show for the Rascals, in addition to my radio show and everything else — and that was while I was on tour.

I feel like Springsteen has gotten more prolific than ever, in his old age. Do you think he has a ton more albums left in him?

I don't see him slowing down at all, you're right. I agree with you. You know, maybe not quite as crazy prolific as writing 80 songs for each record, you know, literally. But he certainly always has an album in his pocket; he usually has two.

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Lindsay Lohan getting back to her old ways

Allegedly ordering friends to beat up Barron Hilton appears to be just a small part of Lindsay Lohan's wild week in Miami for Art Basel, as the troubled post-rehab starlet reportedly "threw tantrums all week," according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay was a mess at every event at Art Basel," a source says.

So what had Lohan so in a state? Run-ins with the Miami-based ex-girlfriend of Morgan O'Connor, the 18-year-old model Lohan has been dating.

"Lindsay had a tantrum when she would see

Morgan's ex-girlfriend at events," a source explains. "She would throw her arms in the air, stomp her feet and fling her hair around. She was acting like she was 10 years old."

Those displays might have been the last straw for O'Connor, who has reportedly soured on the Mean Girls star.

"Morgan wants nothing to do with her at all," the source says. "He is telling people that he is nervous and freaking out that his career is going to be affected by all her crazy evilness. She's obsessed with him."



David Beckham.

Beckham's kids want to get tattoos

David Beckham is learning the hard way that dissuading your kids from getting tattoos is particularly difficult when you yourself have more than 30 pieces on your body.

"They've already said they're having tattoos done,"

Beckham told Jonathan Ross during an interview.

"And I said, 'Well, be different. Don't have any tattoos.' They said, 'No, we're going to have one. We're going to have Mum and Dad.' So I can't really say no to that."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Britney Spears wants to ruin yet another life



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Britney Spears says she really wants to have a baby girl, a "mini-me," so she won't feel as alone in the world anymore. She did, however, also say that it's not just that she's selfish or anything and that having a baby is also "a good excuse to buy Skittles."

Scandal's Season 3 has been shortened due to Kerry Washington's pregnancy. And they couldn't just give us four episodes of Cyrus and Mellie scheming while pretending Olivia got

caught by B-613? #dearthofgoodideas #bitterbitterfan.

At this year's Jingle Ball Miley Cyrus twerked with Santa Claus and Selena Gomez cursed and angrily walked off stage. Sadly, Justin Bieber and his No-pants Elf Dancers couldn't make it.

After all the bad reviews of her performance in The Sound of Music Live!, Carrie Underwood tweeted, "Plain and simple: Mean people need Jesus...." Said Jesus, "Well sure, but you must remember, Carrie, that critique does not equal meanness. Also, that rust-coloured dress sure didn't do you any favours."

MTV names Miley Cyrus Artist of the Year. We're so very, very sorry, Franz von Schneiderlick. You will just have to continue making your impressionist straw tableaux in obscurity.



Jack White.

Jack White finalizes divorce

Jack White's divorce from Karen Elson has officially been finalized more than two years after the couple first separated, according to Rolling Stone.

Elson, who married White in 2005, was granted primary custody of their two children, daughter Scarlett and son Henry.

Over the summer, she had obtained a temporary restraining order against White based on claims that he had been harassing her about their divorce settlement.

In that filing, Elson had claimed that she "fears for her and the children's safety as a result of this harassment."



Simon Cowell.

Simon Cowell has big plans for his kid

Simon Cowell is a pretty good judge of talent, so he's already prepared should the son he's expecting with Lauren Silverman decide he wants to be a singer.

"As long as he signs a lifelong recording contract with me, I'd be happy with that," the X Factor boss tells

E! News about the impending birth.

Cowell also confirms that he and Silverman have picked out a name for the boy, but that's as far he'll go for now.

"I'm not going to say what it is yet, but I'm happy," Cowell says.

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Entertaining the kids in the car, plane or train on the way to grandma's house is a challenge. But parents are often

left scrambling to find something for the kids to do once there. You don't want to drag along the whole toy room, but find some space to pack items to keep the kids busy.

Building blocks, like Lego, are terrific as the kids can continually create new things. Buy the bucket of blocks versus the kits. The kits tend to have an "all finished"



sense once completed, whereas the "free building" can go on forever.

Stop by the dollar store and pick up basic arts and crafts supplies. Non-permanent markers and construction paper are great for making decorations.

A deck of cards and a popular board game can fill hours of time.

Download movies or TV shows that the kids love on your own laptop or tablet, if you're unsure what TV channels or internet access the grandparents have. Rogers' new Kids Zone portal has many pre-selected loved shows from channels you trust. You can set up a playlist so you know exactly what they're watching. Grand times. **KATHY BUCKWORTH IS THE AUTHOR OF I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU.**

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Cookies, gifts and...meditation?

Q&A. The big man in red is exceptionally busy around this time of year, what with toy-making and list-checking — but he did find a few minutes to chat with us

Greetings, Santa! We're so grateful to speak with you, considering how hectic your schedule must be right now. It's the most wonderful time of the year! And it is busy, but it is always a delight to talk to you.

How do you manage your time?

That's one of the most difficult things about the job — that it does take a lot of time and energy, focus, concentration, meditation and prayers.

Santa meditates?

Of course — everyone should have meditation. It's the moments of thinking of nothing that so many wonderful joyous things come. It's kind of a gift that I give to myself as Santa, that I'm able to take a moment and turn the lights down and light my magical candle and think.



Santa says oatmeal raisin cookies are great but he'll skip the eggnog. ISTOCK

We bet Mrs. Claus loves to see you in a relaxed state.

Even at this time of year, Mrs. Claus and the elves are extremely busy. They're keeping up with me, being sure that I have my food, my time, and keeping the list on who's naughty and nice...

Say, what kinds of cookies should we leave out for you

on Christmas Eve?

I'm trying to lean toward oatmeal and raisin — it's a little healthier for me. I'm trying to watch my weight. Otherwise, how could I ever get down all those chimneys? And I would suggest carrots for the reindeer, although they are leaning heavily toward candy corn. [And] skim milk all the way! (Laughs)

Should we leave you some eggnog too?

I'll be driving so I'll have to pass.

You've likely got lots of people to visit. How many letters do you think you'll receive this year?

Millions. I'm already getting letters from children who tell me what they want. And

some of the most wonderful letters include the whole family — my brother wants this, my mom, my dad [want this]. Even if you're on the naughty list, you have a little bit of time left.

So how can someone on the naughty list end up on the nice list?

By being nice. If you're a child, by being respectful and obedient. If you're an adult, by helping someone, by being nice. It's very important.

We want to know how you spend your time when you're not working. For example, how do you spend your summers?

I enjoy fishing. We have some wonderful fishing up in the North Pole toward southern Alaska.

And what do you do the day after Christmas?

I'll go back to the North Pole, collect the elves and the reindeer and we'll settle down for a nice, long winter's nap. [Then we start working again] as soon as I wake up. When you love what you do, you never have to worry about working because it's a joy. We start to think about the toys for next year.

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The rubber-band gang

Cooper Volkman is eight years old, full of energy and tends to be perpetually in motion.

Lately, though, it's been different. In the evenings, when his mom, Lori, makes dinner, Cooper is absorbed by a new hobby: making bracelets and other objects out of tiny, colourful rubber bands.

The current craze for kids — Rainbow Loom bands and their many knockoffs — has been surprising parents and child development experts. In a market glutted with crafts marketed to

girls, loom bands are the rare gender-neutral hobby that appeals to boys, too.

Open to Everyone

Tricia Ross' son avoids playing with his sisters' toys. But he and many male classmates in Charlottesville, Va., have seized on loom bands.

"There's a sense of accomplishment" that comes with finishing a bracelet, Ross says, and it's enough to inspire her son to "sit until it's complete."

Ross and Volkman find that

while many craft products are packaged in pink boxes emblazoned with pictures of smiling girls, the gender-neutral packaging of loom band products make them more boy-friendly.

Good For Development

Loom bands are popular among kids age seven to 12, a key time for developing.

"Right around age seven, you see fine motor skills taking off," says Cynthia Edwards, professor of psychology at Meredith College in Raleigh,



Cooper Volkman wears loom band bracelets. LORI L. VOLKMAN/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

N.C. "Anything that helps them to use those hands together, left and right, helps to develop those areas of the brain and the muscles themselves."

Kids in this age group are also developing "executive function," the ability to plan and execute tasks, Edwards

says. With loom band weaving, kids must choose what to create (it's gone beyond bracelets to everything from backpack fobs to action figures), pick a colour scheme and style of weaving, gather materials and then do the weaving steps in the right order. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Cherry-White Chocolate Drop Cookies: Beat the baking guilt



This recipe makes two dozen cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At this time of year, we are constantly reminded that happy families are supposed to have special bonding moments while baking luscious holiday treats. If we really loved our children, we'd be delighted by the mess they make while dumping flour on the floor and spilling raw eggs down the side of the stove.

And so begins the guilt. Not only are we supposed to be baking, we're also supposed to be enjoying it.

To attempt to assuage the guilt, try these one-bowl cookies.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

2. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and both sugars until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the egg, almond extract and milk, then mix well. Add the flour and baking soda, then mix just until the dry ingredients are well mixed

Ingredients

- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

in. Mix in the cherries, cranberries and chocolate chips.

3. Drop the dough in 2-tablespoon mounds on the prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between them. Bake, in batches if necessary, for 12 to 14 minutes, or until just lightly browned at the edges and still slightly soft at the centre. Leave on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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I want money, that's what I want. Post-secondary students are increasingly trading in dreams for paychecks

JULIA WEST
Metro World News

Satisfaction in the pocket-book is trumping personal fulfillment for incoming college freshmen, according to a new study.

ACT, the nonprofit testing company that helps students prepare for college, released a report last month regarding how today's students choose a major. It found that close to a third of incoming freshmen are enrolling not in a field that interests them, but rather one that will help them land steady, well-paying jobs after graduation.

It sounds like a practical — though less than exciting — college plan, but that doesn't mean it's a wise move.

This isn't the first time this trend has surfaced. "It's interesting that this phenomenon is happening again," says organizational psychologist Dr. Billie Blair. "It was a prevalent practice 20 to 30 years ago when so many were encouraged to go into medicine because of the excellent pay."

A steady paycheck is a wonderful thing, especially right out of college. It's important for freshmen to remember, too, that their san-



In this day and age, laying back and letting a great job come to you is much less of an option. ISTOCK

ity and happiness also come into play when choosing a major.

"No doubt about it, in today's economic environment students need to be practical in selecting majors," states

Carol A. Sitterly, dean for academic success at American International College.

"But they also need to select majors and career fields that they can feel passionate about over the next 40 years

of their working life."

Keeping that passion alive and active isn't always easy when graduates are struggling to find work. Like so many things in life, being able to strike the right bal-

ance can make all the difference.

"The critical question is whether [students] can find a space in that world that they are good at and that they can get excited about even

Making ends meet

"No doubt about it, in today's economic environment students need to be practical in selecting majors."

Carol A. Sitterly
Dean for academic success at American International College

as they chase a paycheck," says Rita McGrath, associate professor at Columbia Business School.

McGrath reminds us that no matter how much time a student puts into the decision-making process, things can change while at school. "Very few students find that their careers unfold as they predicted, so the choice of major is probably a much smaller determinant of ultimate outcomes than we might assume," she says.

Switching majors

The dreams versus paychecks debate isn't just for incoming students, it also affects current students who are thinking about changing majors.

- The best way to figure it out is with the resources that are already available. "Students thinking about changing majors should take an interest inventory and talk with an academic or career adviser about what jobs match their interests," says Sitterly.





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The straightest path may not be the fastest

The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.



LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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The simplest path between two points is a straight line. While mathematically true, in life this is rarely the case. Up and downs, twists and turns, that's the norm we all know. In desert running, where you'd think the shortest path would be the one most advantageous, often times it isn't. In running, as in life, while one path may seem harder, longer or more difficult, it may be the one that pays

the most rewards.

When facing the Sahara Desert I was advised to carefully pick my running lines and avoid simply darting ahead. The desert course we ran had signal flags roughly every 100m, so that racers knew the specific direction to be followed. Unlike the rocky desert terrain of the Gobi or the Atacama deserts where I had excelled, the Sahara's sand was soft and its dunes windswept daily.

Now, instead of running the shortest distance, I would now be scanning to calculate my path of least resistance: Which side of the sand dune was wind packed? Which side was sun-baked with firm, vein-like grooves? Where might there be rock sediments I could run on with a hardened surface? I ran a longer route and was a degree off course for most of the race, but it paved a swift arrival to the finish line.

Have you looked at all the alternative paths to overcome your challenges?

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Should we be bringing teaching to the tablet?



Will iPads be the next school desk staple? ISTOCK

School on a screen. One in three kids using iPads in class admit to playing games: Canadian study

A third of Quebec students surveyed about using iPads in class admitted to playing games during school hours and an astounding 99 per cent said they found the gadgets distracting, suggests a new study based on the experiences of more than 6,000 tablet-toting kids.

But even though just a few students said they felt a tablet helped them learn better, the report's co-authors still concluded that

schools should invest in the technology, although cautiously.

Researchers surveyed 6,057 students, who were enrolled in Grades 6 through 10, and 302 teachers about their experiences so far in using tablets daily in the classroom.

The report concludes that outfitting large numbers of students with costly tablets is a worthwhile endeavour, provided that teachers are well prepared and trained for the radical shift in delivering their lesson plans.

"It would appear that incorporating the iPad into education constitutes a necessary risk for schools, and that this technological tool has breathtaking cognitive

potential," states the report.

But co-author Thierry Karsenti noted that so far, teachers have generally not been well prepared to teach with tablets.

The report notes that 70 per cent of the teachers surveyed said they had "never or very rarely" used an iPad before they were introduced into their classrooms, versus 53.6 per cent of their students.

"Some of the teachers were getting the iPad on the first day of school with their students, can you imagine? All the students were on Facebook, Twitter and the teachers were like, 'Oh my God, this is not working,' and blaming the technology because he or she was not ready," said Karsenti, the Canada research chair for information and communication technologies in education.

"You have teachers who are fully unaware of what's going on in the classroom, they're sitting reading their notes and the students are doing whatever they want."

The report notes that a "surprising" number of students — more than one in three — admitted to playing

iPositives

- When teachers were asked about the benefits of using iPads in class, about half said it opened up better access to information, 40 per cent cited the easy portability of the devices, and about a third said it allowed for greater collaboration.

games in class, sometimes with their teachers' permission after an assignment or task was completed.

Researchers were also surprised that, in some ways, the tablet technology wasn't been used to its full potential. Students said they did relatively little reading on their tablets and were still using paper textbooks, while many assignments were still be submitted on paper rather than electronically. About 85 per cent of the students said they never or rarely used the iPad to prepare written work.

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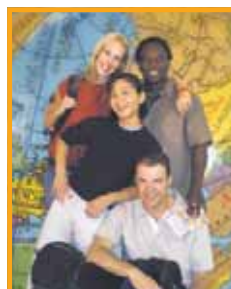
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NHL

Jets rookie banned 3 games for hit

Winnipeg forward Anthony Peluso was suspended for three games for boarding Stars defenceman Alex Goligoski in the Jets' 6-4 loss to Dallas on Saturday night.

Peluso drove his shoulder into Goligoski's back at the 15:28 mark of the second period after the Stars defenceman passed the puck up the ice and out of Dallas's end. Goligoski went face first into the boards, cutting his face.

Peluso was assessed a major penalty for boarding and a game misconduct on the play. Goligoski required 12 stitches after the hit, but returned to the ice later in the game.

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World Cup

Work on soccer stadium halted

A labour court on Sunday halted construction in part of the World Cup stadium where a man fell 35 metres to his death while working on a roofing structure in the jungle city of Manaus, further delaying the venue that will host England vs. Italy and three other matches next June.

The decision was announced after public prosecutors requested the immediate interruption of work in all areas where labourers need to be high above the ground. Work will only restart after constructors show that all safety measures are in place at the Arena Amazonia, which will also host United States vs. Portugal.

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Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist makes the game-winning save on the Flames' Mikael Backlund on Sunday in New York. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flames run out of ammo in shootout

NHL. Rangers erase two deficits to end four-game losing streak

Henrik Lundqvist already knows the joy of getting a lucrative contract extension. Who knew that one week later, a win at Madison Square Garden would bring the star goalie pure jubilation.

When Lundqvist turned aside Mikael Backlund in the seventh round of the shootout Sunday night, he and the rest

On Sunday	
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of the New York Rangers had a long-awaited 4-3 victory over the Calgary Flames and an end to a four-game losing streak, all at home.

Lundqvist, who stopped 18 shots through overtime, spread

his arms and looked up to the ceiling as his teammates raced from the bench to meet him at the end of the 0-3-1 skid.

"It was just a big relief to get two points," said Lundqvist, who earned just his second win since agreeing to a seven-year contract extension. "I had a chance to close it out twice and I didn't do it. Finally we ended the game."

Benoit Pouliot scored the fourth goal of the Rangers' first shootout of the season to give them their first win on a team-record, nine-game homestand.

Derek Stepan and Carl

Hagelin scored to erase the Rangers' early 2-0 deficit, and Chris Kreider made it 3-3 with 7:53 left in regulation as New York improved to 2-15 in games in which it allowed the first goal.

Rookie centre Sean Monahan gave Calgary a 3-2 lead at 4:44 of the third but the Flames couldn't stretch their winning streak to three.

Backlund and Curtis Glen-cross scored in the first period, Jiri Hudler had two assists, and Karri Ramo made 29 saves through overtime.

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Questions follow Canada's junior team



Canada forward Kerby Rychel deflects a shot onto CIS Toronto Selects goalie Garrett Sheehan during exhibition action in Toronto on Saturday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An eager group of 25 players broke camp Sunday and got ready to head overseas for final preparations for the world junior hockey championship.

But only 22 will still be there when the tournament opens Dec. 26 in Malmo, Sweden.

Coach Brent Sutter said the final cuts — one defenceman and two forwards — will be decided on many factors, including injuries.

"They're not easy decisions, but the reality is we've got a

couple or three guys banged up and we're not exactly sure," said Sutter. "Hopefully they can skate when we get over there."

"Whether they'll be ready for the first exhibition game, we're not sure. All these guys deserve to be able to push to get on the team and they're going to have a few more days to do so."

The team will play three pre-tournament games — Friday against Finland, Sunday against Sweden and the following day against Switzer-

land. Sutter hopes to make the cuts after the first exhibition game so he can use the full squad for the last two.

The key question is high-scoring winger Jonathan Drouin, who is recovering from a concussion but who expects to resume skating when the team arrives in Sweden on Monday.

Another is rushing defenceman Josh Morrissey, who has been nagged by an undisclosed injury for a month but who expects to be able to practise this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dolphins not finished yet

NFL. After thwarting another Pats comeback with third-straight win, Miami sits in AFC's final playoff position



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws under pressure from Derrick Shelby on Sunday in Miami.
GETTY IMAGES

Desperate to stop Tom Brady's latest comeback bid, the Miami Dolphins sought help from a reserve safety making his NFL debut after being signed Tuesday off the San Francisco 49ers' practice squad.

Michael Thomas came through, intercepting Brady's fourth-down pass in the end zone with two seconds left Sunday to seal a seesaw 24-20 victory over the New England Patriots.

Thomas celebrated by flopping to his back and was swarmed by his new teammates.

"I didn't know what his first name was," defensive tackle Jared Odrick said. "That's being thrown in the

fire and reacting. That's a pure athlete."

The Dolphins (8-6) won their third game in a row to help their AFC wild-card chances. They also snapped a streak of seven consecutive losses to the Patriots (10-4), who missed a chance to clinch their fifth consecutive AFC East title.

Miami's breakthrough win left even stoic second-year coach Joe Philbin in a mood to celebrate.

"I might jump in my pool," he said. "I've been in it once since I've been here."

Brady threw for 364 yards, but was frustrated by a succession of squandered scoring chances. His counterpart Ryan Tannehill shook off four sacks to throw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, including a 14-yarder to Marcus Thigpen with 1:15 left that provided the winning margin.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	33	22	9	2	92	70	46
Montreal	35	20	12	3	88	75	43
Tampa Bay	33	19	11	3	90	80	41
Detroit	35	15	11	9	89	94	39
Toronto	34	17	14	3	97	99	37
Ottawa	34	13	15	6	96	111	32
Florida	34	12	17	5	78	109	29
Buffalo	33	7	23	3	55	96	17

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	34	23	10	1	105	74	47
Washington	33	18	12	3	105	97	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
N.Y. Rangers	34	16	17	1	76	91	33
Columbus	33	14	15	4	85	92	32
Philadelphia	33	14	15	4	76	91	32
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	78	85	32
N.Y. Islanders	34	9	19	6	83	118	24

Sunday's results
Anaheim 3 Edmonton 2
Chicago 3 Los Angeles 1
Florida 2 Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 4 Calgary 3 (SO)
Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 0
Washington 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)

Saturday's results
Calgary 2 Buffalo 1 (OT)
Carolina 3 Phoenix 1
Dallas 6 Winnipeg 4
Los Angeles 5 Ottawa 2
Minnesota 2 Colorado 1 (SO)
Montreal 1 N.Y. Islanders 0 (OT)
Nashville 3 San Jose 2
New Jersey 3 Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 4 Detroit 1
St. Louis 4 Columbus 3 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	36	24	7	5	135	101	53
St. Louis	31	22	6	3	110	73	47
Colorado	31	21	9	1	88	73	43
Minnesota	35	19	11	5	81	81	43
Dallas	31	15	11	5	90	93	35
Nashville	33	16	14	3	77	92	35
Winnipeg	34	14	15	5	90	100	33

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	35	23	7	5	111	89	51
Los Angeles	34	22	8	4	94	68	48
San Jose	33	20	7	6	108	82	46
Vancouver	35	20	10	5	98	83	45
Phoenix	32	18	9	5	104	100	41
Calgary	33	13	15	5	86	106	31
Edmonton	35	11	21	3	93	120	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime/shootout loss.

Toronto 7 Chicago 3
Vancouver 6 Boston 2
Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Winnipeg at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	18	28	46
Kane, Chi	19	25	44
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	22	38
Tavares, NYI	13	24	37
Perry, Ana	21	15	36
Ovechkin, Wash	26	9	35
Steen, STL	22	13	35

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	3	.870	—
d-Miami	17	6	.739	3
Atlanta	12	12	.500	8 1/2
d-Boston	11	14	.440	10
Detroit	11	14	.440	10
Charlotte	10	14	.417	10 1/2
Toronto	9	13	.409	10 1/2
Chicago	9	13	.409	10 1/2
Washington	9	13	.409	10 1/2
Cleveland	9	14	.391	11
Brooklyn	8	15	.348	12
New York	7	16	.304	13
Orlando	7	17	.292	13 1/2
Philadelphia	7	18	.280	14
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	21	4	.840	—
Oklahoma City	19	4	.826	1
d-San Antonio	19	4	.826	1
d-L.A. Clippers	16	9	.640	5
Houston	16	9	.640	5
Phoenix	14	9	.609	6
Denver	14	9	.609	6
Dallas	14	10	.583	6 1/2
Golden State	13	12	.520	8
Minnesota	12	12	.500	8 1/2
New Orleans	11	11	.500	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	11	12	.478	9
Memphis	10	13	.435	10
Sacramento	7	15	.313	12 1/2
Utah	6	20	.231	15 1/2

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions.

Sunday's results
Denver 102 New Orleans 93
Minnesota 101 Memphis 93
Oklahoma City 101 Orlando 98
Phoenix 106 Golden State 102
Portland 111 Detroit 109 (OT)
Sacramento 106 Houston 91
Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's games
Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Family and financial problems can easily be resolved over the next seven days, but you must not keep putting them off.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Speak up if you have something important to say but make sure you listen too because the feedback you get could be invaluable.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may have to bluff your way through the sort of situation you would usually cope with quite easily today.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

As some of your views are a bit controversial there could be some interesting skirmishes today. But don't make a scene if someone who disagrees with you challenges your grasp of the facts.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Others may be having second thoughts about what you are doing but you have no such doubts. Even if you do make a mistake or two along the way your momentum and sense of purpose will keep you moving towards your goal.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and because of that you are ready to risk almost anything to prove you are the best. Before the day is over even your critics will be singing your praises and willing you to succeed.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will get your way on the work front easily enough today but you may upset a few people along the way. That won't worry you in the slightest.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will be rather outspoken today, which is not that unusual, but make sure your criticisms are justified or you could make enemies of people who should be your friends.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Mercury combined with your ruler Jupiter warns that what others tell you and what they believe may be two completely different things.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You don't lack for ideas at the moment but you seem strangely reluctant to let the world know about them. Maybe that's not such a bad thing.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The answers you seek are not that hard to find but you will surely find them quicker today if you get some assistance. And don't make things too complicated for yourself.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You must check facts and figures carefully today as Mercury linked to retrograde Jupiter warns that either someone is trying to deceive you or you will in some way deceive yourself.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

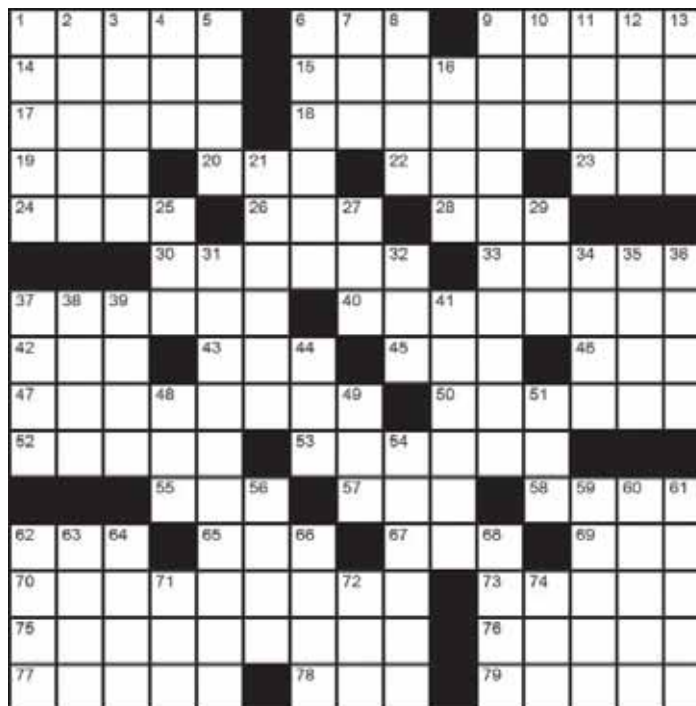
1. Anna Paquin movie, "The ___" (1993)
6. Ms. Gardner
9. Impudent
14. Christmas Tree topper
15. Anti-aging cream targets: 2 wds.
17. NWT: ___ Heritage Trail
18. Canada Dry ___
19. Farm animal
20. Sports fig.
22. "___ Married an Axe Murderer" (1993)
23. Li'l water channel
24. Sun., on Mon.
26. Mr. Kilmer
28. Mil. rank
30. Festive beverage
33. Wuthering Heights growth
37. Chachi's surname
40. Author who co-founded the Writers' Trust of Canada in 1976, Margaret ___ (b.1926 - d.1987)
42. "Yahoo!"
43. Ms. Thurman
45. Li'l pressure unit
46. Ceiling
47. Fun street in downtown Montreal
50. Pre-Christmas time
52. Mr. Spock's father
53. Formal order
55. Clairvoyance, e.g.
57. Total
58. Yielded
62. "Law & Order: ___"

65. Rum ___ Tugger (Cats character)
67. Cereal grass
69. Farm call
70. Popular posting-up stuff website
73. Do computer cleaning
75. Merchants
76. On ___ (Doing well)

77. ___ statement
78. Home reno network
79. Paint finish kind

Down

1. Joshua Jackson's "Dawson's Creek" role
2. Flooded: 2 wds.
3. Ms. Moorehead
4. Paleo opposite
5. Stewing pot
6. Blanket type
7. Ancient 7
8. Ms. Jillian's
9. Wintertime fun: 2 wds.
10. "___ Bud" (1997)
11. Actress Ms. Merkel's
12. Boston basketball, briefly
13. River of Flanders
16. "___ & Icons" (Vintage show from MuchMusic)
21. "Let's Make a Deal" = ___ show
25. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
27. Miley Cyrus movie



See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

29. Casual shirt
31. Well-known from daytime TV, Canadian designer Brian who has a home furnishings line
32. Discontinuity
34. 'Appear' suffix
35. ___ Highway
36. It means 'Seven'
37. Bows
38. Uncommon, to Caesar
39. Alicia's role in "Clueless" (1995)
41. Elvis became a Private in it in '58: 2 wds.
44. Moreover
48. Check
49. Some football positions, e.g.
51. Non-carnivore, e.g.
54. Respectful gesture when meeting The Queen
56. Knit one ___ two...
59. Monastery boss
60. Cat burglar's target
61. Bird of Jove
62. Li'l season [pl.]
63. Opinion
64. Do ___ others...
66. Olde-style reward
68. Wax-coated cheese
71. Asphalt
72. ___ Lanka
74. Big time

Friday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Friday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



MAX: 2°
MIN: 0°



MAX: 6°
MIN: -5°



MAX: 1°
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